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REPLY Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office action of September 18, 2006, Applicants respectfully submit the following reply, constituted by amendments to the claims and accompanying remarks urging the patentability of the claims.

Along with a petition for a three-month extension of time, this reply is being filed on March 19, 2007, the first business day following the Sunday, March 18, 2007 date that is three calendar months from the mailing date of the Office action, and is therefore timely filed.)

AMENDMENT Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.